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SUBJECT: MARINE SECURITY GUARD, EXTENSION OF PSU PERSONNEL

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FOR A/SY/FO FROM RSO GARRETT

1. WE ARE, OF COURSE, SYMPATHETIC TO THE PROBLEM ASSOCIATED WITH HAVING PSU MARINES WITH ON-THE-JOB TRAINING AND EXPERIENCE AVAILABLE TO MEET EMERGENCY REQUIREMENTS AND WISH TO CONTRIBUTE WHEN WE CAN.

2. THE REQUEST TO EXTEND CPL GOZGIT AND SGT SEGURA WAS PRIMARILY DIRECTED TOWARD OBTAINING A REASONABLE BALANCE OF TRAINED PSU ON THE DETAIL TO CARRY OUT OUR PRIMARY MISSION OF PROTECTION. AS CURRENTLY STAFFED, FIVE (5) OF THE SEVEN (7) PSU MARINES WILL HAVE COMPLETED THEIR ASSIGNMENTS DURING THE MONTHS OF JULY, AUGUST AND SEPT. THE REMAINING TWO, FAUSTINI AND TERRY ARE DUE FOR ROTATION DECEMBER 14, 1974. ARRIVAL TIME FOR THE DESIGNATED EIGHTH PSU MEMBER, SGT. JOHN S. MOORE, IS NOT KNOWN. DUE TO OVERAGES ON PREVIOUS ASSIGNMENTS, SEGURA AND GOZGIT HAVE ONLY HAD SIX AND FOUR MONTHS RESPECTIVELY ON THE PSU DETAIL. SGT. GLAZEBROOK, THE NCOIC, ROTATES IN SEPTEMBER AND WE HAD TENTATIVELY PROGRAMMED SGT. SEGURA AS HIS REPLACEMENT. AREA ORIENTATION, POST FAMILIARIZATION, AND LOCAL OPERATING PROCEDURES REQUIRE APPROXIMATELY SIX WEEKS OF TRAINING FOR

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A PSU MARINE TO BECOME COMPLETELY EFFECTIVE IN THIS MOST RESPONSIBLE FUNCTION. TO DISALLOW THE REQUESTED EXTENSIONS AT THIS TIME WOULD BE SERIOUSLY DETRIMENTAL TO OUR PROGRAM.

3. WE SUGGEST THAT FUTURE REPLACEMENTS, IF REGULARLY PROGRAMMED, CAN PROVIDE THE DESIRED RESERVOIR OF TRAINED PSU MARINES, AND THAT EXCEPTIONS TO THE ONE YEAR TOUR CAN BE MINIMIZED.

4. I HAVE DISCUSSED THE ABOVE WITH THE AMBASSADOR. HE HAS PERSONALLY REQUESTED THAT GOZGIT AND SEGURA BE EXTENDED FOR REASONS OUTLINED ABOVE.  
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